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"Let our just certainties
Attend the true event."—Shakespeare.

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Evacuation of Richmond.

DANVILLE, April 4.—The evacuation of Richmond was commenced on Saturday afternoon. President Davis and Cabinet arrived here on Monday. Very few persons were able to leave the city, except Government officers, in consequence of the suddenness of the movement. The enemy broke through Lee's lines on Saturday night, near Petersburg, after several days' hard fighting, and made it necessary for him to withdraw, so as to uncover the Capitol. The position of the army is now unknown. No telegraph beyond the Junction. The Richmond arsenal had been removed. The valuables of the banks in Richmond were brought away and the specie belonging to the Government. The last passengers report a great mob in the city, burning of mills and warehouses and plundering stores. This was done by foreigners and low classes. The rolling stock of the Richmond and Danville Railroad was all saved. The enemy had not occupied the city at last accounts. The President will probably remain here for the present. All the Richmond newspapers were left in the city.

Governor Smith went towards Lynchburg, Virginia. Archives of the State Government were left behind.

From the South and West.

Augusta, April 3.—Mobile papers of the latest date represent the negroes existing in

large numbers and very enthusiastic in that city.

The train captured on the 27th ult., on the Florida Road, had several bags of delayed mail from Richmond for Mobile and the West, \$20,000 worth of postage stamps for Mobile were captured. The Southern Express lost the contents of their safe and the packages of the trip.

Thos. Barrett, President of the City Bank of Augusta, died in this city on Sunday morning, April 2. He was a prominent banker and citizen, and well known in financial circles North and South.

Gen. Imboden is in this city to-day, very anxious to get to the field in the Valley of Virginia and begin the campaign.

Selma was attacked by the enemy, 9,000 strong, who drove in our forces from their entrenchments and turned the left flank on Sunday evening. Our loss is large in prisoners. The city was captured and occupied by the Yankees.

Augusta, April 4.—Late Montgomery papers state that Gen. Clanton was wounded three times in the late fights with the Yankees around Pollard, and was captured and died in the hands of the enemy.

A terrible accident occurred on the Milledgeville Railroad, near Columbus, Ga. A freight train ran off the track and 5,000 pounds of powder exploded with terrible effect. Five of the seven cars attached to the engine were knocked to pieces; the clay beneath the cars was ploughed to the depth of four or five feet. Henry Ralston, of Macon, and his negro were killed. The explosion was caused by the concussion of several thousand pounds torpedo fuses, subjected to friction, when the car ran off. The report was heard at a distance of fifty miles. Several persons were wounded.

News from Savannah report that a large quantity of goods was being reshipped to New York from want of a market.

A large number of runaway negroes are shot daily by scouts in the vicinity of Savannah and Charleston. There is little chance for any of them to get into Savannah. The garrison of the city is 2,500 troops, two-thirds negroes.

The Yankees took from Mr. Lathar his Confederate money and securities, and paid him for it with his own cotton. A fatal epidemic is prevailing amongst negroes in the city, thirty dying daily. The Yankees have erected

a new line within the old line of fortifications; they ran them through the Catholic cemetery and have not permitted the removal of remains by the relations of the buried.

Council Proceedings.

COLUMBIA, April 4, 1865.

A regular meeting of Council was held this day. Present—His Honor the Mayor; Assistant Mayor, J. G. Gibbs; Aldermen Bates, Blakely, Glass, Harris, Hope, McKenzie, Stork, Waring and Wells. The Council being called to order, proceeded to business.

His Honor the Mayor stated, for the information of Council, that the agent appointed under resolution to go to Charlotte, N. C., for the books, &c; belonging to the city, had not returned.

A resolution was adopted, permitting Mr. W. A. Harris to have the assistance of two of the police for arresting slaves not properly belonging to the city; said slaves to be brought before the Mayor when so arrested.

Assistant Mayor Gibbs, from the committee appointed to advise with the Governor in reference to getting transportation for the supplies accumulated along the line of the Greenville Railroad, stated he had had an interview with his Excellency, and some arrangements were made, but that a full report would be made at a future meeting. Received as information.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for placing in the charge of private hands, the ferry over Broad River, asked for further time. Granted.

On motion; it was ordered that the election for City Clerk be postponed till the next regular meeting of Council, for the purpose of ascertaining if an Alderman is eligible to the office.

The following resolution, offered by Alderman Stork, was adopted:

Resolved, That thirty thousand dollars of Confederate bonds belonging to the city, be disposed of; provided, they bring full value, or nearly so.

The following was ordered to be embodied in the proceedings of Council:

All city officers having demands against the city, will present their accounts to Alderman Hope for payment.

No further business. Council adjourned.
P. B. GLASS, Acting City Clerk.